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Kelly Linebrink David named 2018 LEA Distinguished Lutheran Elementary Teacher

Kelly David was selected to receive Lutheran Education Association's 2018 Distinguished Lutheran Elementary Teacher award. Ms. David teaches third grade at Zion Lutheran School in Georgetown, Tex. She also assists the coach of long jump in track, is co-leader of the garden club and National Junior Honor Society, and is currently writing a third grade math curriculum for public schools. Kelly was selected by LEA's Elementary Teachers Network leadership team.

Kelly earned a B. S. in elementary education from Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind. and has successfully completed the colloquy program. Prior to serving at Zion, Kelly served at two Lutheran schools, including Immanuel Lutheran in Giddings, Tex. and Salem Lutheran in Tomball, Tex. Previous activities include chaperoning a mission trip to Mississippi to rebuild houses after a hurricane, teaching VBS, writing a fifth grade science curriculum for public schools, and co-leading Ambassadors Believing in Christ, a service project club that worked in the community and did service for others.

In support of Kelly's nomination, her principal said, "Walking into Kelly's classroom is delightful. It is neat and tidy, and one can see that active learning is part of every day. Christian music permeates the learning spaces. Voices are never raised and volunteers can often be seen working directly with her students. The children are happy! There are lots of smiles...students will tell us how much they love their teacher and their school, how they learn more about Jesus every day, how much fun school is, and that they learn so much."

One parent commented, "The verse that exemplifies Mrs. David is 1 Corinthians 10:31 'Whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.' Mrs. David's strong faith fosters spiritual growth in her students....Her greatest strength in the classroom is her rapport with her students. Expectations are clearly communicated, and she has an outstanding reputation at Zion. She will go the extra mile to reach the student who struggles academically or socially and prepares them for success beyond third grade....Her classroom is constantly buzzing with activity."

Kelly's mission statement is "Be a servant of grace, daily walking with Christ and faithful in prayer that I can be attentive to my family, parents, and students." Among her greatest joys as a teacher is "to see the lightbulb or spark of interest in what we are learning come alive for a student. I love teaching Bible stories to students and watching their faith come alive through the experiences and discussions we have."

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